

an Act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That a general election to be held in this State, and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State a Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall hold office for the term of four years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. In case of vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, it shall be filled by the Governor, in his error, to be confirmed by the Senate, until the next general election.

Sec. 2. Before entering upon his duties he shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, and shall also execute a bond in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars, payable to the State of Texas, with securities to be approved by the Governor, in his error, to be discharged of his duties as Superintendent of Public Instruction, and for the faithful application and disposition, according to law, of all school moneys, subject to his order by virtue of his office; said bond and oath shall be deposited with the Secretary of State, and an action may be maintained against him for breach of the conditions thereof, and said Superintendent shall be subject to impeachment, trial, punishment and removal from office as other State officers, and shall be subject to removal by the Governor on the address of two thirds of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, for the same causes and in the same manner as judges of the State and District courts.

Sec. 3. It shall be his duty to keep an office at the seat of government of the State, in some of the public buildings here, for the deposit of all reports, reports and public documents transmitted to him by the school officers of the several counties each year, separately, and to receive and preserve all reports, books, means, books, and papers relative to schools coming into his hands as Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to hold the same in readiness to be exhibited to the Legislature, or to either house thereof, either house of the Legislature, and shall keep a fair and correct record of all matters pertaining to the business of his office, and shall be subject to removal in said office, together with all the records, books, archives and documents that have come into his possession.

Sec. 4. He shall counsel and advise, in such manner as he may deem advisable, with experienced and practical school teachers as to the best manner of conducting public free schools.

Sec. 5. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have the supervision of all the public free schools in the State, and shall be the general adviser and assistant of county superintendents of schools, and shall be authorized at any time, to wit, as he shall deem for the interest of schools, address circular letters to said county superintendents, giving advice as to the best manner of conducting and constructing school houses, furnishing the same, examining and procuring competent teachers.

Sec. 6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, on or before the first day of December preceding each regular session of the Legislature, report to the Governor the condition of the schools in the several counties, the number of number of schools which have been taught in each county in the current year, the number of pupils in attendance at said schools, the number of teachers employed, the number of children under eighteen years of age, the amount of interest of the public school fund and of the county fund annually paid out, the amount raised by any county for the support of schools, the amount expended for schools, the number of school houses, their kind and condition, the number and description of books and apparatus purchased for the schools, the number of books and papers under the provisions of this act, and the number and condition of the libraries, together with such other information and suggestions as he may deem advisable, and the same report, laws, schools, and the means of promoting education throughout the State, which report shall be laid before the Legislature the first week of each regular session. The said reports are ordered published the State Printer shall furnish two thousand (2000) pamphlet copies, and deliver them to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall deposit one copy of each in the State library, furnish one copy to each county superintendent, to be held by him as public property, and delivered to his successor, and one copy of each to the State Library of each State and Territory, and the remaining copies be sent to the boards of school directors of each county for distribution among the teachers.

Sec. 7. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall furnish to the county superintendents all papers, blanks, etc., as he shall determine to be necessary for the proper use of any other uses of the public free schools, including certificates for teachers. He shall also cause to be printed, by the State Printer, in pamphlet and form, for making reports, etc., for distribution to the county superintendents, teachers and trustees.

Sec. 8. Said Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have power to direct and cause the county superintendent of any county, directors, or other school officers, to withhold from any officer or teacher any fund, until such officer or teacher shall have made all schedules, reports and returns required of him by this act, and until he has received the amount of all his official bonds, and accounted for all public school or other school funds which have come into his hands, as required of him by this act.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, upon receipt of the reports of the State Comptroller, as required by this act, to apportion to the counties the amount of money to be expended for schools in each county, and furnish an abstract of such apportionment to each county treasurer, county superintendent and the State Comptroller, and to the State Comptroller, in favor of each county treasurer, for the amount of school fund to which each county is entitled, and shall take each treasurer's receipt for the same.

Sec. 10. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall perform all other duties required of him by the Constitution, and shall receive for each year, for his salary, one thousand dollars (\$8,000), and all necessary contingent expenses for books, postage and stationery pertaining to his office. He shall receive twenty thousand (\$20,000) per annum.

Sec. 11. The State Comptroller shall keep a correct abstract of the school fund, and shall report the same to the Governor, in his error, to be confirmed by the Senate, on the first day of December, of each year, report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, making a complete exhibit of the school fund, of the money received by the State, and of the disbursements and the several sources from which they accrued, which report shall be included in the reports of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Sec. 12. The State Treasurer in favor of any county treasurer, whenever such treasurer shall present the order drawn by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, duly endorsed by said county treasurer.

Sec. 13. The treasurer of the State school fund shall keep a correct account of the several sources from which they accrued, and shall report the same to the Governor, in his error, to be confirmed by the Senate, on the first day of December, of each year, report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, making a complete exhibit of the school fund, of the money received by the State, and of the disbursements and the several sources from which they accrued, which report shall be included in the reports of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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of such suspension of the public attention by any district school board, or by any other body of persons, who are authorized to regulate, control, manage or administer any public school system, shall attempt to receive their pro rata portion of such fund; and provided further, that the provisions of section twenty-two of this act requiring the board of directors to levy an ad valorem tax, shall not apply to school districts while public schools are suspended therein from such cause.

Sect. 28. That in any case when it may become desirable in any school district to have a high school any taught principal of such high school shall have the privilege of receiving the free school fund which will be paid by the consent of a majority of the trustees of the former, said principals agreeing and contracting with said trustees to teach the children within said district until the free school fund shall have the right to receive into his school and instruct any number of students who are over the scholastic age at such rates, or tuition, as he may propose, and his patrons consent to pay, to the end that high schools may be established with authority to confer degrees, or give certificates of merit and scholarship to students of the free school fund, and under the control and supervision of the county board of directors.

Sect. 29. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed May 22, 1873.

STATE DEPARTMENT, AUSTIN, TEXAS.  
I, James P. Newcomb, Secretary of State do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the official enrolled bill now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal [SEAL] at office in the city of Austin, this 24th day of May, A. D. 1873.

JAMES P. NEWCOMB,  
Secretary of State.

Letter from Judge Burford.

To the Editor of the Dallas Herald:

As an old Texas I desire to express my hearty and entire approval of the selection you have made in your candidate for the office of Governor, to be acted upon by the general convention. Capt. Adams is a gentleman eminently qualified to fill the position, and should be elected, I know of no man who would carry with him integrity and soundness almost than he. His position in the discharge as the leading man in all its important enterprises, his keen conception of intricate questions of finance, and his experience in business matters coupled with his sound sense and clear judgment, make him just the man for the people. Now is the time for the masses to act if they would be freed from the meshes of purely political administrations, and as one of those who have seen some of the evils inflicted upon the country by professional politicians, I fully give, not only my adherence, but my support to Capt. Adams for the office, and most heartily commend his claims to the people of the State. What I here state, I know to be true, and give to Capt. Adams whatever truth therein contained, because the truthfulness of my assertions to the benefit of any motive of intimate friendship existing between me notwithstanding I claim him as my friend.

N. M. BURFORD.

Capt. R. S. Gay.

To the Editor of the Dallas Herald.

The Legislature having provided for a general election this fall, it is but wise on an early day, to cast about and ascertain who are our best men for the various positions of trust and emolument.

At present, I desire to speak of only one position, and suggest as a suitable man to fill it, one who I am satisfied will mix with his as much of the confidence of the people as any man within the district. Our present Attorney General, Tarrant and Ellis, is entitled to one Senator and three Representatives. A fair division if it said is no robbery, and Dallas county having nearly as many electors as both Tarrant and Ellis combined, certainly is entitled to the Senator and one Representative, if we have the men, which I think our sister counties will not hesitate to admit.

We want no fossil remains of a broken down political hack, but a man from the people, with nobility upon his countenance, no "back pay" appetite, no exploded measures to resurrect, no self aggrandizement to enhance; in other words, we want a man that will "dare to die right, dare to be true."

We want a man of ability, of integrity, of moral worth,—of energy. A man of whom Dallas county will not be ashamed—who is alive to our country's best interests and who can always be found at his post battling for her well.

Such a man we have most unobtainably, in the person of Capt. R. S. Gay, of Lancaster, and I am satisfied after conferring with quite a number of our best citizens, that no man could be more fittingly in this Senatorial District, and therefore in the name of the people present his name as a candidate for the State Senate, at the ensuing general election, subject to the decision of a district convention, which I trust will be called at an early day. Let this matter be canvassed and the voice of the people be heeded, not defeated by any political clap-net.

A YEOMAN.

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Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, MO., JUNE 8.

Cattle.—Receipts, 221; shipments, 195. Buyers bid low. The market was dull. The following live stock advice have a debilitated effect upon transactions here. We quote market steady at the following quotations:

Chester quality Steers,	at \$6.00 per 100 lbs.	\$6.00
Good "	" "	" "
Medium "	" "	" "
Ordinary "	" "	" "
Good saddle cows,	at \$5.00 per 100 lbs.	\$5.00
Medium "	" "	" "
Ordinary "	" "	" "
Corralled Steers w/o ear,	at \$4.00 per 100 lbs.	\$4.00
Medium "	" "	" "
Ordinary "	" "	" "
Good calves,	at \$3.00 per 100 lbs.	\$3.00
Medium "	" "	" "
Ordinary "	" "	" "
Good hogs,	at \$2.00 per 100 lbs.	\$2.00
Medium "	" "	" "
Ordinary "	" "	" "
Good lambs,	at \$1.00 per 100 lbs.	\$1.00
Medium "	" "	" "
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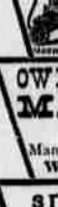
Hog receipts 114. There is little doing in this branch, prices ranging, \$3.00 to \$4.10.

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